

Zephyrus, 1894 - 2005

Astoria High School Annual

Master Index of Seniors and Faculty

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1. Seniors make up about 99% of the entries for students. Before about 1910 when individual pictures began, I indexed almost every student name I found even if there was no picture, nor mention of class. In these years, Zephyrus was a monthly or quarterly literary journal. 1910 seems to be the oldest annual edition to survive. I did not index group pictures, so browsing may help you locate other pictures you need. In the older Zephyruses (its earlier name "High School Quill") many editions had a section of Alumni Notes. At first I indexed them because they often shed light back to the first AHS graduating class of 1886.

Later, however, I discontinued indexing Alumni Notes. Historians may want to look at those editions at AHS or CCHS. I suspect that the newspaper index at APL duplicates much of that information.

2. Teachers usually are listed: a) the first time their pictures appear; b) again if a better picture appears; c) about once a decade so as to illustrate the aging process for lifetime teachers. In earlier times, teachers were pictured in alphabetical order. It was fairly simple to index them. Later, teachers were photographed in groups by department. This made it difficult for me to track them, so there are surely a number of omissions, especially when the pages got to be so frenetic. In fact, most recent volumes seem not even to show faculty.

Individual volume indexes started in 1948. Some included teachers, and some didn't. You are well advised to browse forward and backward from years shown here for a particular teacher. No attempt was made to show a teacher's last year at AHS. In some years, classified personnel were pictured with faculty, so they are sometimes indexed here too. If a teacher was identified as teaching more than one subject, I usually just listed the first subject shown. Many editions did not indicate what subjects a teacher taught, so I listed them just as "faculty."

3. The 1917 edition tells from what school nearly every student transferred. Students may have moved to Astoria with their families, or they may have come alone and boarded in town. Students identified the following places: Hammond, Olney, Jewell, Gray's River, Bay Center, as well as local neighborhood grammar schools: Taylor, Shively, McClure, Adair, etc. The editor stated that the information was not available for Joe Dyer as he had already left to be the first AHS student to go to war. He had probably attended Shively School

4. Starting in 1935 and continuing for several years, the comment for each senior tells where he or she was born.

5. Several years produced no Zephyrus annuals. At first one would think that they were lost, but studying the Volume Number, it becomes apparent that none was printed. These years seem to be missing after

1909: 1916, 1928, and 1933. One may need to look in an earlier volume for sophomore and junior individuals who then were seniors in a year without an annual.

6. Historians will find the 1997 Zephyrus worth looking at. Covers of all volumes from 1905 to 1997 are pictured on the inside front and inside back covers. Teachers are listed in alphabetical order on pages 24 and 25. Although it purports to be complete, many are not listed. Homecoming queens are listed. Each decade is illustrated with a montage of typical pictures.

6. Foreign exchange students give the school a valuable dimension. They began to come about 1962. Their country of origin shows in the right hand column following "exchange students." Most Zephyruses have a separate page featuring foreign students, but 1996 and 1998 didn't, making it impossible to identify them. The school office or Astoria Rotary Club may have a record. Pictures sometimes show the students interacting with their host families. As for AHS students going to foreign countries, I did not index them. In the miscellany at the head of the list, I showed "Walldorf trip" two or three times, but it may have been an annual trip over many years.

7. Sometimes just after the Year, is found a page number. Usually I included it if the picture might be hard to find. If a student got his picture to the editor after pages had been set, his or her picture might appear at the end of the alphabet.

8. Until World War II, there were graduations both in January and May or June, the latter being the larger class. Usually, the January class pictures are printed alphabetically, followed by the spring class in its own alphabet. It would have taken me too much time to show page numbers for all those students, so I'll let your fingers do the walking.

9. "Other Information" is found (a) at the beginning of the Name list and (b) in the third column where teachers' subjects are listed. The third column is alphabetized by itself and comes after the second section divider. It tends to be little historical tidbits that fascinate me or mention of a picture that might be useful someday. For the printed version of this index, I have deleted the cells that are blank and those which say "no pix" in order to cut down on its bulk.

10. The 2004 Zephyrus was delivered in April 2005. As if that wasn't bad enough, its index shows no page numbers---just a few hundred names in a single alphabet! I listed the juniors and gave them the 2005 year. Hopefully, there won't be too many dropouts, nor new students.

11. Most issues listed seniors not pictured. I always indexed those names, so you might look elsewhere in the volume or in earlier Zephyruses for 9th to 11th grade pictures. Some issues do not have a list of no shows.

12. It would be nice if Astoria High School, Astoria Public Library, and Clatsop County Historical Society each had complete collections to insure against catastrophe. Sharing duplicates might be in everyone's best interest. As of now, AHS library has a complete collection; APL is nearly complete through about the 1990s; CCHS has a growing collection.